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BEAUTIFUL LIVES.

"Beautiful faces are those that wear— It matters little, whether dark or fair, Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show, Like crystal panes where hearth fires glow, Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words Leap from the heart like song of birds, Yet whose utterance wisdom girds.

Beautiful hands are those that do Work that is earnest, brave and true, Moment by moment, the long day through.

Beautiful feet are they that go On kindly ministry to and fro, Down lowliest ways, if God wills so.

Beautiful shoulders are those that bear Ceaseless burdens of homely care, With patient graces and daily prayer.

Beautiful lives are those that bless—Silent rivers of helpfulness,
Whose hidden fountains few may guess.

Beautiful twilight at set of sun, Beautiful goal with race well run, Beautiful rest with work well done.

Beautiful graves where grasses creep, Where brown leaves fall, where drifts lie deep Over worn-out hands—oh! beautiful sleep!"

-Selected.

THE week of prayer begins January 6th. We will have services during this week and the week following. The Mid-Winter Communion Service will be held on Sabbath morning, January 20th.

A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

We give below an abstract from a letter written by Miss Lena Zurfluh, one of our lady missionaries who sailed for Japan about the 1st of August last, and who is a graduate from our University at Tiffin, Ohio. The letter was written to her schoolmates and Y. W. C. A. friends at the University. I am certain that our young people would be interested in reading the whole of this letter, but we can only give a part.

SENDAI, JAPAN, Sept. 16, 1894. MISS TILLIE ALSPACH AND Y. W. C. A. FRIENDS:

I will write you a letter and in as few words as possible try to tell you a little about my new home and work, although I have done little or no work thus far.

I arrived at Yokohama, September 3rd, at 11:30 A. M We anchored safely in harbor a little ways from the wharf. We had to get into little boats to shore. Rev. Miller met me and I never was so thankful in my life; I could indeed have shouted and sang for joy.

I like the work and girls. I have a loving companion; her name is O Yuki Son. We have Gospel Meetings Sunday evenings, and in fact every evening. You ought to see girls work for each other, so quietly and earnestly and faithfully, when once they are Christians; they put us to shame. The first Sunday evening that I was here we had the meeting in the parlor of our home. The girls all sat on the floor on their knees, one close to another. They sang, and one read Scripture, and they

prayed, and called on me to pray. They thanked Gcd that he had so graciously protected me and brought me safely here. It did my heart good. I can scarcely realize that I have reached the field of my heart's desire. I hope I may glorify God in my work. Dear girls, pray for me most earnestly every day, and especially at your meetings. Yes, pray for our work at home. We need many, many more workers. Let us be earnest and true hearted. Invest in souls by prayer and work.

The scenery here is beautiful, although there are many things not at all pleasing. Yet it seems the dear Lord always provides something to brighten our pathway. I like my new home so much and shall like the missionary work in Sunday School. I sometimes wonder why the Lord has been so wonderfully kind and will give us anything if we only ask. We went out to see about where I should begin my Mission Sunday School, as each one of the Missionaries has two or three Sunday Schools in different parts of the city, of their own. You know Sendai has 60,000 inhabitants. Each one takes some of the students along with them; the girls' class must go alone.

We have delicious grapes here, something that I did not expect to see or eat here. We also have beautiful flowers, roses, etc. We take a walk to the hills and mountains every day, if possible. We will have to do so, or we would get no exercise at all, and the air is so very much sweeter out there, and we can breathe better.

Now, dear girls, I must close my letter. Remember me, and our work here. Hoping that your work is progressing, I remain as ever, Sincerely yours,

LENA ZURFLUH.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The contract for our church furniture has just been closed with the Fort Wayne Furniture Company. The committee believe they have made a good selection and feel satisfied that we shall have a very comfortable as well as handsome pew. The pew ends will be massive and in quartered white oak, with arm rest, and but very little carving or ornamentation. The seat and body of the pews will be "form fitting"

and very highly polished, so that the pews will be easy and very pretty. The company having the contract must place the pews in the church and fit them to the floor. The committee adopted a revised plan for seating, which we believe to be a great improvement over the original plan. In the new plan the center aisle is closed up, from the pulpit back about six pews, and the spur aisles are also closed. This makes the seating of the church more compact, takes about twenty-four less pew ends and gives more seating capacity.

Since the last issue of THE VISITOR the contract for the fresco painting has also been let. Kover & Son, of this city, have been awarded this contract. They are among the best workmen in their line of business in the State, and we have every assurance that their work will be first-class. They will begin work in a very short time in the auditorium, while the lecture rooms will not be frescoed until but a short time before the new church will be completed.

The glass has been in the church for some time and is admired by every one. The designs are beautiful and the blending of the soft and delicate shades is matchless. The Good Shepherd Window, presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Platter, of Goshen, Ind., is beautiful, indeed - and is certainly a very fine piece of art. So also the Zwingli Window, presented by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Souder. The picture of the great Swiss Reformer could not b. improved. It is so life-like and expressive of the real character of the man. The Primary Sabbath School Window, presented by Mrs. Zartman, Miss Nellie French and the little ones, with its group of cherub faces and mottoes is a sort of a flower garden to look upon. And then what shall we say of all the other windows -- "The Sabbath School Window," "The Bible Class," "The C. E." "The Zartman," "The Ladies" Society," "Our Young Men and Young Women," and the windows of which Messrs.

Connett and Gumpper are so proud, and the window in memory of Mrs. Bolender, presented by Levi Bolender and Mr. and Mrs. F. D Paulus; and of Mrs Romy, presented by her son, R. L. Romy; and of Mrs. Louisa Vordermark, presented by Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Gribb and the Ladies' Society; and the windows presented by Mrs. A. R Hills and family, and Mr. and Mrs James Vining and daughters; and the windows in the towers and halls, by Viola, Katie and Ida Romy, Alice Connett, Josie Zartman, Carrie Souder, Emma Kettler, Chester Driftmeyer, Anna Souder and Nellie Rudisill—all are indeed exquisite in design as well as in the superior quality of glass.

The carpenters are now working inside, and in a few weeks there will be great changes in the interior appearance of the church. We are not yet able to say when we can open the church for dedication possibly by the Easter season, and perhaps not until Anniversary Day, or Pentecost. But one thing we can do now, and should be doing, and must be doing, pay our subscriptions to the church as fast as we can. The time is very soon at hand when these obligations must be paid in full. every member of the church be working The Building Committee to this end. needs the money.

A WORD FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY. .

We give below a letter from our Financial Secretary, addressed to the members of Grace Church, and enclosed with their quarterly statemen's and subscription cards. Our Secretary makes a very concise statement of matters, voices the sentiment of the whole consistory, and undoubtedly also, of the whole church. Our people should all read this letter very carefully and then respond promptly and cheerfully to what is suggested. We would ask especially that a prompt payment of arrear-

ages should be made, and that the subscription cards should be filled out and returned before the 1st of January, making the pledges for weekly payments as liberal as possible.

December 17th, 1894.

The Consistory of Grace Church is desirous that all the obligations and current expenses for the present year should be met before its close.

Our expenses this year have increased about one hundred dollars. We hope to be able to meet the full amount of our expenses by the first of the year, and not carry a deficiency over into 1895. We therefore urge all to assist us in meeting our obligations. Enclosed you will find a statement of your account with the church, and we hope those who may be delinquent will favor us with prompt payment.

In forecasting the financial work of the church for the ensuing year, we desire to remind the members that our expenses for the coming year will be greatly increased. We therefore need to increase our income for current expenses.

We would therefore recommend that all who can, will increase their pledges to the church 5 or 10 cents per week, or more if possible. If all the members will co-operate with us in these suggestions we will enter upon the first year in our new church with vigor and great hopefulness, and close it with hearty rejoicing.

We also take this opportunity to present to you a subscription card, which please fill out, indicating what amount you can contribute each week for the coming year, and deposit same in the offering basket at your earliest opportunity.

Truly yours,

C H. GUMPPER,

Financial Secretary.

THE families of the church having tickets from the Pacific Tea Store, for the church, should hand them to Mrs. Miller before January 1st.

THE addresses made by Secretary Rufus Miller, at Grace Church, were brim full of excellent and stirring thoughts. We are sorry that there were not more of our people out to hear him.

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> "As on Time's pinions borne The years are speeding fast, May every Christmas morn Be brighter than the last."

THE money subscribed on the \$150.00 indebtedness on current expenses for 1893 is now due and should be paid to the Financial Secretary before January 1st.

THE Sabbath School will have its Christmas Exercises on Christmas Eve. There will be choruses and recitations by the children and singing by the Church Choir, and others. A good programme is in preparation. Come early if you want a seat.

THE Christmas offerings, for which the children and church members will be supplied with envelopes, will be received at the entertainment on Christmas Eve. These offerings will go to the Sunday School Building Fund. Do not forget to bring a liberal offering for the Lord's work.

WE shall be glad to receive copies of the August number of THE VISITOR of the present year. Recently there was a demand for a dozen or more copics of this issue, when to our sorrow it was found that we had no copies on file. Either the edition was exhausted, or destroyed by some means.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COIN CASES.

The Coin Cases still continue to come bearing their offerings for the new church. We give below a statement of the cases already returned, and herewith tender our heartfelt thanks to our friends who are so kindly remembering us. THE VISITOR will make acknowledgements of all the cases returneā:

Previously acknowledged \$76.06

Reformed Sunday School, Mifflinsburg, Pa,

per Rev. A. K. Zartman	1.36
St. Paul's Mission Band, Reformed Church, Mahoney City, Pa., per Rev A. K. Zartman	5 00
Mrs. G. B. Dechant, Catawisa, Pa., per Rev. A. K. Zartman	.65
A. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville, Pa., per Rev. A. K, Zartman	.25
Rev. B. Ruf, Reformed Church, Berne, Ind., per Rev. A, K. Zartman	1.34
Tillman Hilbish, Strawn, Kansas, per Rev. A. K. Zartman	1.00
Jacob Pfeiffer, Middlebury, Ind., per Rev. A. K. Zartman	1.34
Reformed Sunday School, Bloomville, O., per Rev. A. K. Zartman	1.34
J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, —— per Rev. A. K. Zartman	.50
Rev. J. S. Freeman, Wilkinsburg, Pa., per Rev. A. K. Zartman.	2.50
Ed. Zigerli, Huntington, Ind	3.00
Rev E. M. Beck, Y. P. S. C. E., Reformed Church, Wooster, O., per Rev. A. K. Zart-	
man	1.34
Wm. F. Sausser, Cleveland, Ohio, per Mrs. J. G. Zimmer •	1,34
W. F. McNagny, Columbia City, Ind	1.34
Mrs. Geo. Ewing, Fort Wayne, Ind., per Carrie Vining.	1,34
Mrs Mary White, Riverton, Mich., per Geo. Therbolt.	.50
N C. Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind., per Mrs Mat- tie Vordermark.	1.00
Jessie Pattinson. 2017 W. 5th St., ——— per Mrs. Mattie Vordermark	1,34
Miss Nellie Savage, Oakley, Ill., per Mrs. M. Connett	1.35
Mr. Leikauf, Fort Wayne, Ind., per Mrs. M. Connett	1.00
Marie R Hofer, Bluffton, Ind, per Miss Emma Bercot	1,34
A. Rock, Mount Cory, Ohio, per Miss Emma Bercot	.20
Mrs. J. C. Woodruff, Creston, Iowa, per Mrs. E. C. Miller.	1.34
E. Bolander, Hubbardston, Mich , per Mrs. F. D. Paulus	1,34
Mrs. M. Ebey. Fort Wayne, Ind., per Mrs. Louisa Miller.	1.34
O. Barnhart, Kittanning, Pa, per C. C. Gumpper	1.70
Mrs. Mollie Grosjean, Arcola, Ind., per Mrs. Kate Sweet	1.34
Ed. Grosjean, City, per Mrs. Kate Sweet	.84
Miss Mattie B. Leonard, City, per Lizzie Rudisill	.54
Charles McCulloch, City, per Mrs. Sarah E. Rudisill	1 70
Susie Johnson, Edon, Ohio, per Mrs. Sarah E Rudisill	1,34
Mrs. Mary Crane, Newark, Ohio, per Mrs, Sarah E. Rudisill.	,80

TOTAL \$118.70

THE Annual Congregational Meeting will be held New Year's morning, at 10 o'clock.

MR. KIRKHAM'S have moved on West Columbia Street, near Harrison, where they have opened a restaurant. They have very pleasant rooms in their new quarters, and we assure our readers they will serve you excellent meals. Call and see them when you want a full breakfast, dinner or supper.

REV. DR. CHARLES SCHAAF recently resigned the pastorate of the St. John's Reformed Church, and has already gone to his new field of labor at Cincinnati. farewell meeting for Bro. Schaaf and family was held at the church, on West Washington Street, on Tuesday evening, December 18th. It was the pastor's privilege to be present at this meeting and take part in the exercises. The large congregation present at services was an evidence of the high esteem in which Pastor Schaaf is held by the members of the St. John's Church, and other christian people of the city. At the close of the addresses made by Rev. Retig and the pastor, Bro Schaaf and family were made recipients of some very beautiful and valuable presents by the Women's Society and Young Peoples Society. For more than eighteen years Bro. Schaaf has been pastor of the St. John's Church. During this time he adminitered the sacrament of baptism to 753 persons; confirmed 411; received members by certificate, &c., 455. Total, 866. Performed 167 marriage ceremonies; officiated at 310 funerals. Money collected for benevolence, \$13,475; for congregational purposes, \$40,000 to \$45,000. Sermons and addresses delivered, 2,800.

We regret to see Bro. Schaaf leave our city, but he goes to a field of great promises and usefulness, and we feel confident his work will be greatly blessed of the Lord; and he takes with him the prayers and best wishes of his many friends in the city.

CHURCH FURNITURE.

Look at the list below and see whether you can find your name among the donors of Church pews and furniture. If you do not find your name there, will you not give us your name for the next issue of THE VISITOR. We would like to make this list so long that when the amounts are footed up the aggregate will be about \$1.000.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

Mrs. Conrad Neireiter, pulpit.

Unknown Friend, pulpit furniture, (complete.)

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Connett, \$10 pew.

C. H. L. Mayer, city, \$10 pew.

Elder N. H. Hover, Plymouth, Ind., \$10 pew.

Mrs. and Mrs. Isaac Zartman, Glenford, Ohio, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Voncanon, city, \$15 pew.

Levi Bolander, \$10 rew.

Frank Kenneth Hills, city, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vining, city, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vining, city, \$15 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troxel, city, \$10 pew.

Mrs. Walters and Family, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gavin and Mrs. Cary, \$15 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Zimmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Zimmer, \$15 pew.

Rev. and Mrs. John Retig, city, \$10 pew.

NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweet, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bottger, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs C. F. Close, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gumper, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keplinger, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick, \$10 pew.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Schaaf, Louisville, Ky. \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Conrad, Canton, O., \$10 pew.

Rev. Elias Spangler, Edgerton, O., \$10 pew.

Sabbath School.

D. W. SOUDER	Superi ^tendent
M. CONNETT	.Ass't Superintenden:
CHARLES GUMPPER	Secretary
MRS. CHARLES GUMPPER	Treasurer
ALICE CONNETT	Librari.
Sabbath School Hour, Sal	bbath Morning, 9:30

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

Oct.	7.	Attendance	115	Collection \$	4.45
Oct.	14.	6.6	105	6.6	4 37
Oct.	21.	4.6	111	6.6	3.98
Oct.	28.	4.6	113	66	3.27

Total - - - - - \$16.07

Oct. 7. Mr. Connett's class gave largest collection: amount, \$1.15.

Oct. 14. Miss Walters class gave largest collection: amount, \$1.30.

Oct. 21. Mr. Connett's class gave largest collection: amount, 70c.

Oct. 28. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection: amount, 83c.

Birthday collections, 50c.

New scholars enrolled during month, 6.

Nov. 4	. Atten	dance	123.	Collection	\$ 5.19
Nov. 1	1.		115.	66	4.35
Nov. 1	8.	66	125.	"	14.88
Nov. 2	5.	66	123.	6.6	3.85

\$28.27

Nov. 4. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection: amount, \$1.53.

Nov. 11. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection: amount, 88c.

Nov. 18. Infant class gave largest collection: amount, \$11.42.

Nov. 25. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection: amount, 84c.

Birthday coll ctions, 53c.

New scholars enrolled during month 6-

A LETTER FROM PETER RIJNHART.

Just as we were about to go to press with this issue of THE VISITOR, a letter came to hand from the Tibitan Missionaries, addressed to Mr. Hills. The Fort Wayne friends of these Missionaries have

been anxiously waiting for some message from them, and of their arrival in the far East. This letter was written on board of "The Tacoma," and near the Japan coast. while the post-mark indicates that the letter was mailed at Yokohama, and after the parties arrived there. They had a long and tedious voyage across the Pacific, but with the exception of sea-sickness they were well and received many tokens of kindness while on their voyage. The whole party send greetings to their friends in Fort Wayne, and have not forgotten the kindness they received in our city. We are sorry we cannot print the letter in full in this issue of THE VISITOR, as it is so full of interest and so fragrant in a spirit of christian love and devotion to the Master. We hope to give our readers the letter in full in another issue.

"God, the best maker of all marriages, Combine your hearts in one."

November 14th, Henry W. Kroemer and Mattie M. Monn, were married at the parsonage, with the only witnesses present the pastor's family. In the evening a reception was given to the bride and groom at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Monn, residing about three miles north of the city. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and the marriage supper was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Kroemer's home is some four or five miles north of the city, where our young friends went to house-keeping a few days after their marriage. Mrs. Kroemer is well known to all the members of Grace Church, and is highly esteemed by every one. She has always been a devoted member of the church, and she has the well wishes of all our people. We hope to see her and her husband regular in their attendance upon our church services, though living some distance from the city. THE VISITOR extends its congratulations to these young people, praying that their married life may be happy and prosperous.

Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society

MRS. J. E. BEAHLER	President
	Vice-President
MRS. ED MILLER	Secretary
MRS. MARTIN CONNETT.	Treasure

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MRS. LOUISA MILLER, MRS. J. RUDISIL, MRS. GEO. HESSERD. MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

THE ladies will give a Social and Tea at the church, Thursday evening, December 27th. Tea, 15 cents. Let us have a large attendance. This will be the winding up of our church socials for the year '94.

ARTICLE IV of the Constitution of Grace Reformed Church.

MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 1. Every person is a member of this congregation who has been duly received into connection with it, by letter, or by renewal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by Constitution of the Reformed Church

Sec. 2. All members shall strive to promote the general welfare of the church, and especially by a consistent life and walk, and shall annually contribute according to their ability towards its support.

BAZAAR REPORT.

The Bazaar held during the Thanksgiving season, while attended with a great amount of hard work was financially a success, and is a source of congratulation to the church. The different booths, in their construction and furnishings were certainly very beautiful and attracted much attention and comment. The articles for sale were all very beautiful, and the ladies in charge of the various booths did full justice to their work. The meals served were excellent. The ladies of the church kept up their well merited reputation of being the "Best Cooks." At a congregational meeting held Wednesday Evening, Dec. 19, the secretary made a final report of the Bazaar, which we give below. It speaks very favorably of the ladies work. In order that there

may be no misunderstanding, it may be proper to state that the report does not include the full expenditures of the various booths and departments of the Bazaar, but only the expenses paid by the Secretary; and there is also some money to be paid in yet.

REPORT OF BAZAAR.

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Domestic I	Booth			8	B140.60
Fancy	" .				76.72
Apron					31.30
C E	"				76.29
Candy	"	,			24.11
Ice cream					22.36
Lemonade	"				7.80
Fish Pond					5.11
Check Roo	om				.30
Scale Fun	d				1.07
Quilt					5.00
Cabinet					80.34
Wheel					$59 \ 41$
Admission	s				121.90
Meals					145.65
Miscellane	ous				11.89
					\$809.85
Expense					\$137.95
Total	Net Rece	ipts.			671.90
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EUGENE MATHISVice-P	recident
WILLIS SOUDER	
EMIL KETLERT	
LILLIE WALTERS	
Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening	at 6:45.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Dec. 30. Looking Backward. Ps. 145. 1-21. A. K. Zartman.

Jan. 6. The week of prayer—What shall it mean to us? 2 Chron. 6: 18-21, 29-33; 7: 1-3 Charles Segur.

Jan. 13. Soul hunger and Soul food. Ps. 84; 1-12. Carrie Souder.

□Jan. 20. A Christian's problems and perplexeties. 1 Kings 4; 29-34: Luke, 11: 31; 2: 46, 47. Eugene Mathis.

Jan. 27. Accepting Christ. Rev. 22: 1-17. Geo. Thiebolt.

Feb. 3. Advance Endeavor. Ex. 14: 15-31, 15: 1, 2. Mary Rudisil.

Feb. 10. Becoming as little children Luke, 18, 15-17. Matt. 11: 25, 26. Etta Souder.

The pastor has a supply of Church Almanacs. Call before the stock is exhausted.

HAVE you paid your subscription to THE VISITOR for 1894? If not, it should be paid at once.

There will be service at the Church on Christmas morning. Every member of the church should be at this Service.

WITH this issue we close the sixth volume of the VISITOR. The January number of '95 will not be out until the last of the month.

MRS. PERRY ARCHER has been very ill with a severe and protracted attack of quinsy. Her suffering has been intense. It is hoped that she has now passed the critical stage of the attack, and that she may recover very rapidly.

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